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Pillsbury Energy partner Jay Silberg is one of the nuclear power industry's "go-to" lawyers, responsible for licensing many U.S. nuclear plants and litigating precedent-setting cases.

Selected as a *Law360* 2019 Energy MVP, Jay advises on all aspects of nuclear law, including licensing, trial and appellate litigation, M&A and contracting, policy development and compliance. He represents electric utilities and utility groups, governmental entities, nuclear energy and consulting firms, and other industry players, regularly advocating for clients before the NRC, DOE, state regulatory commissions, U.S. Congress, and federal, state and appellate courts. Jay advises on matters that range from plant design, construction and operational issues, to decommissioning and spent nuclear fuel storage and disposal.

Representative Experience

- Represented leading global alternative asset manager Brookfield Business Partners L.P. on the regulatory and policy aspects of its successful acquisition of Westinghouse Electric Company.
- Advising leading energy technology company Holtec International on its acquisition of the Oyster Creek nuclear power station in New Jersey from Exelon Generation.
- Represented client Holtec International's efforts to license a first-of-a kind interim spent nuclear fuel storage facility in New Mexico.
- Won a series of landmark U.S. Court of Appeals decisions for the nuclear utility industry in establishing the federal government's obligation to dispose of utilities' spent nuclear fuel.
- Achieved victory for nuclear utility industry in the U.S. Court of Appeals forcing the federal
 government to suspend the utilities' \$750 million annual payments for spent nuclear fuel disposal
 after termination of the federal government's nuclear waste program.



- Represented nuclear utilities in landmark Federal Circuit and Court of Federal Claims cases and settlements, recovering billions of dollars in breach of contract damages for the failures of the Federal Government's nuclear waste programs.
- Successfully obtained construction permits, operating licenses, license amendments and renewed licenses for many of the nation's nuclear power plants.
- Successfully lead numerous nuclear contract negotiations involving nuclear reactors and components, as well as all aspects of the nuclear fuel cycle.
- Advises NRC and state materials licensees concerned with the production, storage, decommissioning and disposal of nuclear materials, including their export and import.
- Provides strategic and tactical advice to owners and operators of many of the nation's nuclear power plants and to the nuclear industry trade organization.

Education

- J.D., Harvard Law School, 1966
- B.A., Amherst College, 1963
 cum laude

Honors & Awards

- Selected by *Law360* as one of five energy lawyers (and the only nuclear lawyer) named to their prestigious MVP list in 2019. *Law360* MVPs are selected from over 900 submission and includes 160 attorneys from 76 firms spanning 35 practice areas.
- Recognized by Chambers USA, Chambers Global, Best Lawyers (published by BL Rankings LLC), Energy Law (2010 – 2023), The Legal 500 U.S. (2015), Euromoney's Guide to the World's Leading Energy Lawyers and Legal Times for his work in energy law.
 - Westinghouse Electric Co.'s restructuring and \$4.6 billion acquisition by Brookfield Business Partners L.P., has been named Private Equity Acquisition of the Year 2019 (above \$1 billion) by the Global M&A Network's 11th annual Turnaround Atlas Awards.
 - Burton Award for Excellence in Legal Writing (2010)
 - Leading Lawyers Ten of the DC Area's Top Energy Attorneys in Energy Law: a Practice Focus,
 Admissions